

# ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY



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## ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS UP 5 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

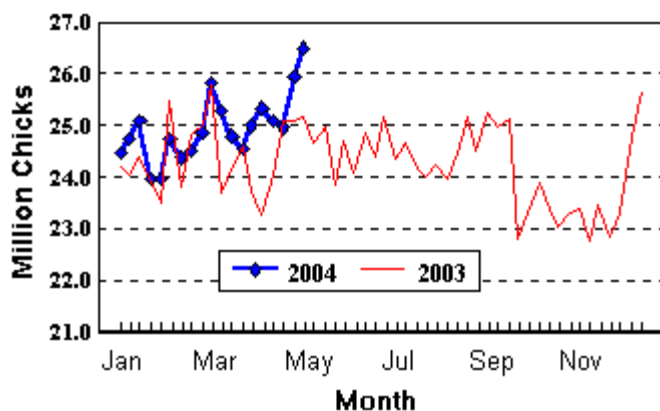
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 26.5 million during the week ending May 8, 2004. Placements were up 5 percent from the comparable week in 2003, and up 2 percent from the revised previous week, and included 3.7 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through May 8, 2004 were 474.5 million, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 26.4 million, up 4 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, and up 1 percent from the revised previous week. Of the total hatch, 3.7 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 82.5 percent.

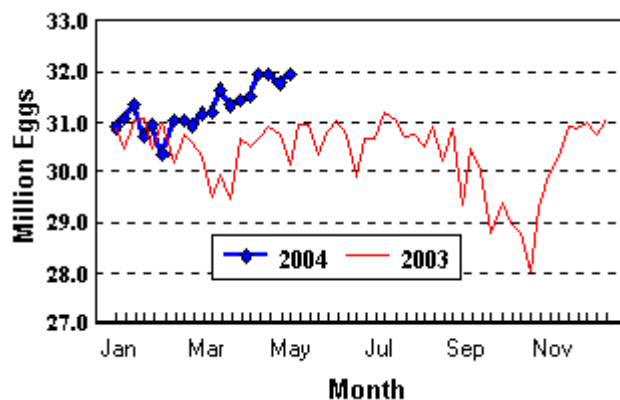
Arkansas hatcheries set 32.0 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending May 8, 2004, up 6 percent from the same period last year, and up 1 percent from the revised previous week.

Week Ending	NET PLACEMENTS			CHICKS HATCHED			EGGS SET		
	2003	2004	% Change	2003	2004	% Change	2003	2004	% Change
	<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>		
Apr. 3	23,750	25,018	105	24,422	25,848	106	30,672	31,453	103
Apr. 10	23,255	25,371	109	24,831	26,033	105	30,527	31,533	103
Apr. 17	24,054	25,120	104	24,651	25,899	105	30,670	31,979	104
Apr. 24	25,096	24,968	99	25,456	26,014	102	30,900	31,945	103
May 1	25,120	25,959	103	25,470	26,122	103	30,764	31,803	103
May 8	25,204	26,540	105	25,441	26,377	104	30,169	31,961	106

CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS, 2003-2004



EGGS SET, 2003 - 2004



**BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 19 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2004**

STATE	EGGS SET (in Thousands)					CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/ %	Week Ending						1/ %
	17-Apr	24-Apr	01-May	08-May		03-Apr	10-Apr	17-Apr	24-Apr	01-May	08-May	
Alabama	31,040 *	30,956	30,795	30,556	108	21,846	21,649	21,798	21,935	22,043	22,735	111
ARKANSAS	31,979 *	31,945	31,803 *	31,961	106	25,018	25,371	25,120	24,968 *	25,959 *	26,540	105
Delaware	3,648	3,833	3,741	3,739	102	4,750	4,890	4,959	5,051	4,352	4,678	88
Florida	1,345	1,342	1,339	1,348	96	1,540	1,494	1,502	1,416	1,461	1,495	70
Georgia	33,291	33,174	32,862	32,369	100	26,963	25,506	26,269	26,238	27,035 *	27,069	109
Kentucky	7,193	6,898	7,169	6,954	109	5,801	5,751	5,894	6,002	5,967 *	6,116	111
Louisiana	3,980	3,984	3,998	3,988	115	3,778	4,043	3,414	3,796	3,725 *	4,068	116
Maryland	8,847	8,921	8,887	8,901	92	5,934	5,436	5,897	5,879	6,378	5,670	90
Mississippi	19,480	19,358	19,367	19,301	103	16,617	16,600	16,741	17,317	16,924	16,915	104
N. Carolina	19,029 *	18,921	18,569 *	19,023	101	15,120	15,060	15,076	14,916	15,498 *	15,179	100
Oklahoma	6,793	6,746	6,605 *	6,588	110	5,033	4,236	5,261	5,650	4,652	3,929	86
Pennsylvania	3,861	3,916 *	3,851 *	3,886	105	2,776	2,784	2,626	2,688 *	2,710 *	2,816	105
S. Carolina	3,768	3,748	3,759	3,760	75	4,179	4,526	4,367	3,998	3,715	4,344	99
Texas	15,334 *	15,339 *	15,324 *	15,475	103	12,504	12,535 *	12,672 *	12,850 *	12,826 *	12,858	102
Virginia	6,518	6,529	6,642	6,653	100	5,236	5,668	5,236	5,197	5,210	5,236	88
CA,MO,IN,WV	17,868 *	17,871	17,993 *	18,055	106	16,057	16,265	16,316	15,459	16,516 *	14,980	89
Total 2004	213,974 *	213,481 *	212,704 *	212,557		173,152	171,814 *	173,148 *	173,360 *	174,971 *	174,628	
Total 2003	208,865	207,999	209,166	206,679		167,995	169,177	168,183	172,080	172,351	171,830	
%Prev. Year	102	103	102	103		103	102	103	101	102	102	
Approximate Marketing Date 2004 .....						22-May	29-May	05-Jun	12-Jun	19-Jun	26-Jun	

\* Revised. 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

**EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 3 PERCENT**

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-state weekly program set 213 million eggs during the week ending May 8, 2004. This was up 3 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

**BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 2 PERCENT**

Broiler growers in the 19-state weekly program placed 175 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 8, 2004. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through May 8, 2004 were 3.23 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.